

HELD AS A WRECKER

Young Man Arrested After Attempt to Derrail Car.

HE PLACED ON THE TRACK

Obstruction on Rails of Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Electric Line Falls of Purpose. Passengers Are Shaken Up—Prisoner Protests He Is Innocent.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, (Bell Telephone 113.)
Corner of Prince and Royal Streets.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 22.—An unsuccessful attempt to wreck the 830 electric train out of Washington on the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railroad was made this evening near Spring Park, just outside of this city. A heavy railroad tie was placed directly across the track and was struck and knocked from the rails by the motor.

The train was traveling at a rapid rate at the time, and the passengers were badly shaken up, but no one was seriously injured. Although the jar to the motor was violent, the car did not leave the track.

The escape from derailment, which was considered highly remarkable, was explained by the trainmen as being due to the fact that the impediment was hit squarely on a level grade, and also because the wheels locked.

Man Seen Near Spot.

Just after the car dashed into the electric motor car, a man was seen near the track with his cap drawn down over his eyes, apparently with a view of concealing his identity.

As soon as the excitement incident to the collision had subsided several of the passengers set out to look for the person suspected of the attempted wrecking. The search, however, proved futile for the time. It was renewed later by trainmen and resulted in the arrest of a young man named Frank J. Gaines, about twenty-four years of age, a blacksmith, who came to this city from Washington a few months ago.

Is Locked Up.

He was conducted to the station-house, where the charge of attempting to wreck the train was recorded against him. As the prisoner was being locked up he resisted the officer having him in charge, it is alleged, and a lively scuffle ensued. The policeman used his baton on Gaines' head, inflicting a scalp wound.

The prisoner vigorously protested his innocence, declaring utter ignorance of the affair.

According to the story of the trainmen, Gaines was apprehended near the track about a half hour after the occurrence. He was taken to the station-house by Officer Garvey.

Asserts His Innocence.

The prisoner asserted that he was not arrested until after he had boarded a train coming to this city.

The train, which was in charge of Conductor Fred J. Higgins, was crowded with passengers.

Suspicion of foul play in connection with the death of Lester L. Lewis, colored, whose body was found last night in a freight car in the Potomac yards, between this city and Washington, was dispelled today, when an examination into the matter was made by Coroner Ashby, of Alexandria County. Dr. Ashton declared that an inquest was unnecessary. He concluded that death was due to hemorrhage.

Miss Mary E. Stabler died this morning, after a lingering illness, at the residence of her brother, Mr. Laurence Stabler, on South St. Asaph street. The deceased was about forty-five years of age and was a daughter of the late Dr. Richard H. Stabler. The funeral will take place from her late home Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

The State corporation commission has granted a charter to the Williams Watchman's Clock Company, the purpose of which are the manufacture and sale of clocks of a certain patented design. The officers are H. H. Darnelle, president; C. W. Darr, vice president; E. S. Norton, secretary and treasurer. These, with F. Williams, G. F. McCabe, B. F. Adams, and M. C. Darnelle, are the incorporators, all of whom are of Washington. The capital stock is placed at \$500,000.

Rev. A. P. Boyle, C. S. P., who is at the head of the Apostolic Mission House, of Brookland, D. C., will deliver a sermon at the special vesper service to be held to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in St. Mary's Catholic church. It is stated that Father Doyle will devote a portion of his remarks to a discussion of the points at issue between the Catholic Church and the French government.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Watkins, who died yesterday morning, took place this afternoon from the residence of her son, Mr. John W. Watkins, 101 King street. Rev. Edgar Carpenter, of Grace church, conducted the services, and the interment was made in Christ Church cemetery.

Mr. Bert Mason, a well-known resident of Marshall, Va., died there this afternoon. The deceased was a brother of Mr. E. E. Mason, of this city. The remains will be brought here Monday for interment in Ivy Hill cemetery.

The Alexandria Lodge of Elks has perfected arrangements for its annual distribution of Christmas baskets to the poor throughout the city. The baskets will be distributed on Monday next.

SAMUEL HINES DIES ON TRAIN.

Sandy Hook Man Expires Returning from Christmas Shopping.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 22.—Samuel Hines, of Sandy Hook, this county, died suddenly on a passenger train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad yesterday afternoon while returning from Brunswick, where he had gone to make some Christmas purchases. His death was due to heart failure.

Mr. Hines was seized with the fatal illness sitting in a seat, and before a physician, who was in the next coach, reached his side, he had expired. He was forty-five years old, and leaves a wife and four children.

Aged Sixty, He Weds Widow.

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 22.—Lewis F. Beard, aged sixty, whose home is at Waynesboro, and Mrs. Nettie M. Blair, a widow, in her fortieth year, of Shippensburg, Pa., came to Hagerstown, procured a license, and were married by Rev. W. C. Griffith, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Midshipman Quits Academy.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 22.—S. S. Galliard, of Perdue Hill, Ala., has resigned as a member of the fourth class of midshipmen at the Naval Academy because of physical disability.

WITCRAFT IS FOUND GUILTY.

Conviction a Great Surprise, as Defense Was So Sanguine.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Elkton, Md., Dec. 22.—Thomas R. Witcraft, of Philadelphia, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a Cecil County jury last night for the killing of Capt. Joseph Hilton, of Pleasantville, N. J. The crime was committed on the morning of October 8 on board Hilton's schooner, the Golden Light, while in Elk River. The verdict was a great surprise for the defense, as it did not deem it necessary to offer any testimony whatever, claiming the State had failed in its case, and simply asked for the prisoner's acquittal.

TAKE WOMAN AS BIGAMIST.

After Going to Jail, Mrs. Dora Powers Tries to Commit Suicide.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Roanoke, Va., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Dora Powers, of Pocahontas, was arrested here today and jailed on a warrant charging her with bigamy. The warrant alleged that the woman was the wife of M. L. Lancaster, of Roanoke, when she married her second husband. She is attractive looking and well dressed.

FINDS HIS FIANCEE MARRIED

Pennsylvania Justice Is Prostrated When He Learns News.

Arrives at Hagerstown, Only to Discover the Girl on Her Honeymoon.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 22.—Miss Jessie Virginia Young, of Hagerstown, and Thomas Carman, a justice of the peace at Yoe, Pa., were to have been married in Hagerstown at noon to-morrow, but when Justice Carman reached here this afternoon he found that Miss Young had changed her mind, and two nights ago was married to John J. Schlotterbeck, Jr., a young business man of this city.

Justice Carman had with him a letter which he received from his old sweetheart on Thursday. In that letter she stated she was looking fondly forward to the wedding day, that her dress was finished, and all was in readiness for the ceremony.

Justice Carman is now prostrated at the home of Rev. E. E. Pearce, pastor of Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church, who was to have performed the ceremony to-morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlotterbeck are on their honeymoon. It is said Mrs. Schlotterbeck has written Justice Carman a letter, stating she thought she loved him, but found she was mistaken. Yesterday she mailed to him the engagement ring he had sent her.

CUTTING TEETH AT SIXTY.

Baltimore Woman Aids Coming of Fourth Set with Soothing Srup.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Annie Pugh, who is past sixty, is cutting her fourth set of teeth. The aches in the gums make her wince, just as do the aches in an infant, when she takes a draught of old-fashioned soothing srup.

Most of her third set of teeth were removed by her son-in-law, who is a dentist, and he had begun work on a set of false teeth.

When she found new teeth popping up along her gums, she ran to her son-in-law for relief. He took her to a dental professor, and they were amazed. Mrs. Pugh is overjoyed, while the work on the false teeth has been suspended.

TREE FOR COL. WOODSIDE.

Santa Claus Makes Appearance at Annapolis Statehouse.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 22.—The first signs of Christmas celebration about the Statehouse appeared in the office of the adjutant general this morning. The office will be closed from to-day until after next Tuesday.

THREE CONVICTS ESCAPE.

Salisbury Criminals Flee from Camp Eleven Miles from City.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 22.—Three convicts escaped yesterday from the camp eleven miles west of Salisbury, and nothing has been heard from them since.

They are Tom Brown, Will and Charles Caruthers. Brown was serving a term of ten years for burglary, and the Caruthers boys were on the same for four years on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and conspiracy against the life of Walter Crump, the son of a prominent physician of this city.

COL. WILLIAM H. MAY DEAD.

Was at One Time Doorkeeper of the United States Senate.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Elkton, Md., Dec. 22.—Col. William H. May, for many years local magistrate of Elkton, died at his home this morning, after two weeks' illness of kidney trouble. Mr. May was for many years a doorkeeper in the United States Senate, and an active Democrat. He leaves a wife and two children—Mrs. John Porter, of Wilmington, and William P. May, Jr., who was private secretary of the late Senator A. P. Gorman.

Bishop Cosgrove Is Dead.

Davenport, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Bishop Henry Cosgrove, of the Catholic diocese of Davenport, died to-night after a long illness from cancer of the kidneys. He had been bishop of the Davenport diocese since 1881, when he succeeded Bishop McMillen. Bishop Cosgrove had been unable to publicly officiate for over a year.

Seek to Clear Man's Death.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—A body believed to be that of Charles Schmidt, a German merchant, was found in Lake Michigan to-day with his throat cut. The police think the case is one of robbery and murder, and are making a search for the man's slayers.

FOND HOPES BLASTED

Gov. Swanson, of Virginia, Solves Question.

WOMAN SOUGHT HIGH HONOR

Wife of State's Chief Executive to Serve as Hostess at Jamestown Exposition—Many Candidates Ambitious to Be Commissioner at the Fair Are Disappointed.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—Following the announcement yesterday that there would be no woman commissioner attached to the Jamestown Exposition, comes the rumor to-day that a great many hopes have been blasted.

In the absence of any such official, Mrs. Swanson, the first lady of the Commonwealth, will take the lead as hostess during the exposition.

Several women of the Old Dominion, some of them leaders in society and in patriotic organizations, have been prominently put forward for the position of woman commissioner. In one case exertions in the candidate's behalf having even gone so far as to cause a petition to be circulated. At least four others were taken of for the place.

Mrs. Frank Anthony Walke, of Norfolk, well known in this city, who she is very popular, was known to be a candidate for the position. Next to Mrs. Walke, Mrs. Hugh Nelson Page was mentioned for the position. She is also from Norfolk, being the regent of Great Bridge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is to have charge of the exhibit of the Colonial Dames of America at the exposition.

Mrs. William Ruffin Cox, of this city, and the head of all the Colonial Dames of America, is also mentioned as a probable candidate for the commissionership. Still another is Mrs. William M. Strother, of Lynchburg, who was the hostess in the Virginia Building at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis.

Mrs. J. Taylor Ellison, the leader in all patriotic movements in the city, and widely known through Virginia, had been mentioned in this connection.

McCABE'S BODY AT CHICAGO.

Funeral of Methodist Bishop to Be Held at Evanston Monday.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The body of the late Bishop Charles C. McCabe arrived in Chicago to-day. The dead churchman's strong hold on the hearts of the Methodists was shown by the immense concourse which met the train at the station.

The casket was taken from Chicago to Evanston, where the body will lie in state until Monday at the home of the bishop's sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert R. McCabe.

The funeral will be held from the First Methodist Church of Evanston. Bishops McDowell, Warren, Walden, Cranston, and Berry, and Rev. Dr. Timothy P. Frost will conduct the services.

PATRICK BEGINS LIFE TERM.

Lock-step March to a Scant Breakfast, Then to Work.

New York, Dec. 22.—Albert T. Patrick, whose sentence to death for the murder of William M. Rice was recently commuted to life imprisonment, began his life-term sentence to-day.

At 6:30 he was roused with the other prisoners on his tier and was one of the first to step out and form in line for the lock-step march to the big mess hall for breakfast, which consisted of bread and coffee.

This bill of fare was a radical change for Patrick, as during the several years he occupied a condemned man's cell he was supplied with choice meals from the warden's table. He did not appear to have much appetite for the scant breakfast.

From the mess hall Patrick was sent to the door and sash factory, where he was put to work. He wore a plain suit, except for four small stripes on the left sleeve, indicating a stripe for each year he had already served in the State prison.

On examination, Dr. Irvine, the prison physician, found Patrick had no organic diseases and his general health was good. For the first time Patrick will have an opportunity to attend divine service in one of the chapels of the prison with his fellow convicts.

SAYS GAMBLER AIDED MURDER.

Missouri Miner Makes Affidavit in Effort to Save Aggie Myers.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—Hillman Rutherford, formerly of Higginsville, Mo., now a coal miner in Richmond, Mo., made an affidavit before a notary public here yesterday in which he swore that he has reason to believe a man, a former resident of Higginsville, assisted Frank Hotman in the murder of Clarence Myers, at Kansas City.

The affidavit will be sent to Gov. Folk by the attorney for Mrs. Aggie Myers. They hope to show by Rutherford's statement that Mrs. Myers' testimony that two men committed the murder was true.

The miner declares in the affidavit that he had frequent conversations with Hotman before the killing of Mr. Myers, in which Hotman intimated that he was jealous of the attention that the man he accused was paying to Mrs. Myers. Rutherford affirms the accomplice was a gambler in Higginsville and made his headquarters at a saloon known as the Green Tree.

Rutherford says the man who he believes assisted the murder has not been seen around Higginsville since the death of Clarence Myers. Rutherford is single and about thirty years of age.

SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED.

Successor to Anti-Balley State Senator to Be Voted On January 21.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 22.—Gov. Latham today received the resignation of State Senator A. S. Hawkins, of the Abilene district. He resigns in order to be relieved from his primary obligation to support Bailey, and will make a new race for the senate on an anti-Balley platform.

Gov. Latham called a special election, to take place January 21. The legislature, which elects a United States Senator, convenes January 17.

Woman Acquitted of Murder.

Topeka, Kans., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Susan Caldwell was to-night acquitted at Salina of the charge of murdering her husband in September, 1905. The other jurors had disagreed. She was accused of crushing her husband's head with an ax as he slept at home.

Slayer Arrested, But Escapes.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—L. L. Lloyd, the fugitive jockey, who killed a Pinkerton man in Chicago in 1902, was arrested at the Ascot Park race track to-day, but while awaiting the arrival of the police escaped after slipping his handcuffs.

BROKERAGE HOUSE FAILS.

Money Squeeze Forces Arnold Leo & Co. to the Wall.

New York, Dec. 22.—Caught in the tight money squeeze and driven to the wall, the firm of Arnold Leo & Co. announced their failure on the stock exchange today. A slump followed the news of the suspension. There was a semi-panic in stocks of the Northwestern railroads, and Northern Pacific and Great Northern showed large losses.

L. V. Hubbard, assignee of the firm of Arnold Leo & Co., hopes that the creditors of the firm may be paid in full. The liabilities of the firm are not known at present.

The firm of Arnold Leo & Co. is an old one. It has branches in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Atlantic City. The partners are Arnold Leo, Edgar F. Leo, and Robert J. Gowen. The announcement of the failure was made on the stock exchange shortly before 12 o'clock.

NEARLY CARRIES OFF SALOON.

Man Gets Sixty Bottles of Whisky and Also Gets Locked Up.

New York, Dec. 22.—James Carr, forty years old, of 700 Dean street, was paroled to-day, for examination on December 26, by Magistrate O'Reilly, in the Myrtle avenue court. Carr was charged with burglary, the complainant being Louis Cohn, a saloonkeeper, of 24 Four E. avenue, who said that he was awakened at 3 o'clock this morning by Carr, who came to his room and informed him that the saloon door was open. Complainant investigated and found the fan light over the front door open, and sixty bottles of whisky, valued at \$60, missing. Cohn said that he subsequently found some of the missing property in Carr's possession. Magistrate O'Reilly seemed to have doubts regarding the defendant's guilt, hence the parole.

KIDNAPPED BOY IS FOUND

Mother of Italian Lad Smothers Him with Caresses and Tears.

Child Picked Up in Brooklyn Streets and Identified by Matron of Aid Society.

New York, Dec. 22.—Little four-year-old George Bruco, who was kidnapped eight days ago near his home at 36 Stanton street, Manhattan, was found early today in Brooklyn and restored to his parents.

His mother, who had been made quite ill by the threats against his life sent to her through the mail, smothered her darling with caresses and tears, while his father, cursed the gang that had stolen him.

The child was found by Patrolman Redmond at Rockaway and St. Mark's avenues, Brooklyn.

The officer took him to the rooms of the Children's Society, on Schermerhorn street, not dreaming that he was the kidnapped boy. But the matron, Mrs. Howe, identified the boy at once and telephoned to the Eldridge street station, in Manhattan, that George was found.

His father, Alphonse Bruco, hurried over to Brooklyn and made a scene when the boy, in sleepy fashion, leaped into his arms.

"George! George!" cried Bruco in joy. "These scoundrels! They steal my boy; curse them! I wish there was a hell big enough to burn all of them."

"Let the little fellow sleep until the day," urged Mrs. Howe.

"No, my mother so sick; break her heart over George!" cried Bruco. "And so George was carried across the bridge to his frantic mother. He didn't say a word about his excursion that would give the police a clue to his kidnappers."

"Plum pudding defended."

The Lancet, Usually Pessimistic, Finds That It Can Be Optimistic.

London, Dec. 22.—The Lancet, which so often points out the terrible unsuspected dangers to health encountered in everyday life, to-day with reasonable optimism publishes a defense of the Christmas pudding.

"It is accused of indigestibility," says the Lancet, "but a syncretical consideration of all the events would indicate the reverse to be the case. For an individual enjoying average health the ingredients of plum pudding should offer no physiological stumbling block."

The paper then points out that the pudding is generally eaten after an extra large, heavy meal, and unjustly gets blamed for what is really the result of overeating.

"The Christmas pudding," says the Lancet, "is a meal for a hungry man, for it is hardly possible to eat a more complete food. Eggs supply plenty of protein, stout a sufficiency of fat, and bread, crumbs, fruit, and sugars a generous proportion of carbohydrates. Moreover, most of these carry the further necessities of human diet, namely, mineral salts."

THIEF ARRESTED BY A DOG.

Magistrate Utters Some Philosophy When He Hears the Case.

New York, Dec. 22.—"The more I see of policemen the better I like dogs! That animal is canine in form, but human in instincts."

That was the observation of the magistrate in the Manhattan avenue police court to-day when several members of the Rein family of 14 Montrose street, Williamsburg, Patrolman Westoff, of the Herbert street station, and Trix, a water spaniel, appeared against a Pole named Martin Kofsky, who stood accused of attempting to rob the Rein home of its silverware.

Kofsky would have been successful but for Trix. Michael Rein, one of the sons, was awakened during the early hours of the morning by the yelping of Trix. The dog pulled at his clothes from beneath his bed and led the way down stairs. Rein heard the snarl of the dog, a cry of pain, and then the breaking of a window. He reached the basement of the house in time to see a man struggling through a broken window, with Trix hanging to his coat.

After the spaniel had practically arrested the man, Patrolman Westoff appeared in time to take the sorry specimen of a burglar to the Herbert street station.

I SAW YOUR AD IN THE HERALD

CHURCH NOTICES.

UNITARIAN.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, cor. 14th and L sts. Thyrae G. B. Pierce, minister, 9:45 a. m., Sunday-school, card service, and Class for the Comparative Study of Religion, 10 a. m., Unity Study Class, 11 a. m., morning service, sermon by the minister, 7:30 p. m., Young People's Religious Union, 8:20 p. m.

CHRISTIAN.

NINTH STREET, 9TH AND D STS. NE, REV. R. E. Utz, supply pastor—Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.



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WANT THE GAS BILL PUSHED

Citizens Express Themselves Strongly in Favor of Reduction.

Financial Ability of the Company to Stand Lowering of Rates Pointed Out—Has Paid Extra Dividends.

Public sentiment in favor of the 7-cent gas bill introduced into the House by Congressman Madden is being expressed freely. By those who are vigorous in their advocacy of the reduction in price, it is pointed out that such a lowering of the rate will not be detrimental to the interests of the company. It is shown by the financial record of the corporation that it has been able to pay not only its regular dividends without trouble, but also to furnish extra slices from its financial melon to its stockholders. Aside from the fat profit features, it is the contention of the supporters of the cheap-rate idea, that lower prices will cause an increase in the business of the company that will more than offset the difference in the receipts caused by the lower scale.

At the same time it is pointed out as one of the beneficial results that many who are not able now to do so would be given the opportunity to make use of the gas as fuel in their stoves and ranges.

It is expected the agitation in favor of the bill is likely to take some definite form before many days are past, and inasmuch as most of the citizens' associations have approved the measure, it is quite probable concerted action will be undertaken to get quick and favorable consideration of the measure by Congress.

NEW ENGLAND CELEBRATION.

President Alderman, of Virginia, Addresses Meeting in New York.

New York, Dec. 22.—President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, spoke at the 101st annual festival of the New England Society, held at the Waldorf-Astoria, to-night. His subject was "Nationality and Sectionalism." He said in part:

"If, as Mr. Root thinks, the struggle is on between the growing power of the Federal government and the decreasing authority of the States, you can count on the Southerner to be on the side of maintaining the just balance, for no American sees more clearly than he just what is the vital spot in the liberty of a State."

"When race riots occur, there are outcries and loud voices, and some sinking of the heart. I dare to say here to-night that the people of the South are handling the problem of the African as wisely as any people on earth could hope to do, in the first generation of African freedom and in a time of human ferment and struggle in all lands."

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